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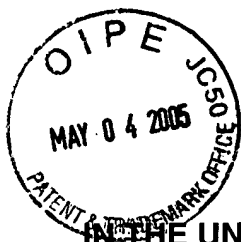
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Copy of Letter to Licensing and Review dated 6.10.04 (2 pages)
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STATEMENT AS TO PREVIOUS TIMELY MAILING

Sir:

On or about April 17, 2005 a notice of abandonment was issued in error in this application. On September 22, 2004 the Examiner had mailed a non-final office action. On December 22, 2004, an Amendment and Response to Office Action, copies of documents related to this application, a return postcard, and a Transmittal Form were sent by the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service, in an envelope bearing Express Mail Label No. EV 317349646 US and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Copies of the Amendment and Response to Office Action, related documents, return postcard, Transmittal Form, mailing label and Postal Service receipt are included

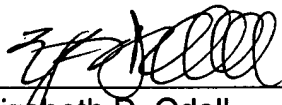
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herewith. The undersigned's certificate of mailing is included in the enclosed Transmittal Form. To the best of the knowledge of the undersigned attorney, Applicants' Amendment and Response to Office Action was mailed in a timely manner to the Commissioner for Patents.

Applicants request that the notice of abandonment be withdrawn. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned attorney at (314)726-7521.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 4, 2005


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LETTER

Sir:


This letter is in response to the Form PTOL-456 (45 Day Letter) mailed April 26, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. This letter shall confirm that the above invention was made with Government support under Contract Number NAS-10-11400 awarded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Enclosed for filing is a preliminary amendment to amend the above application to include the foregoing statement.

It is my understanding that you will forward the enclosed preliminary amendment to the Technology Center for processing. If you need any further information, or if it would expedite the prosecution of the above application,

please telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7521. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 10, 2004

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- ☐ be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).
- ☒ "have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

Accordingly, no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency(ies) noted above. On the reverse side of this form is an example of an acceptable format for this statement. The language appearing in paragraphs III and/or IV of the example must appear if applicant is attempting to establish that no relationship (under item 2 above) exists.

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Any questions regarding this requirement should be directed to Licensing and Review at (703) 306-4191

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